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1. IN LUNCHEON MEETING JAN 30, UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMIONS
DIRECTOR SCHREIBER GAVE HIS VIEWS TO MISOFFS ON PRINCIPAL
PROBLEM AREAS HE ANTICIPATED IN FORTHCOMING HUMAN RIGHTSS
COMMISSION (HRC).

2. MOST DANGEROUS ISSUE: SCHREIBER FELT THAT MOST DANGEROUS
POTENTIAL ISSUE CONFRONTING HRC WAS THAT OF EQUATING ZIONISM
WITH RACISM, WHICH HAS EARLIER DISRUPTED UNGA AND UNESCO
SESSIONS AND MIGHT ARISE UNDER HRC AGENDA ITEMS 4 AND 13.
SCHREIBER STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN WORKING HARD TO
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SEEK AGEEMENT OF VARIOUS ARAB

AND MOSLEM REPS NOT RPT NOT TO DISRUPT HRC BY RAISING SUBJECT IN DEBATE. SPECIFICALLY, HE SAID, HE HAD GAINED EXPRESSIONS OF UNDERSTANDING FROM PAKISTAN'S OUTING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN ALLANA, AND THE REPS OF EGYPT, THE ARAB LEAGUE AND IRAN, AND WAS REASONABLY CONFIDENT OF THEIR ASSENT NOT TO RAISE ISSUE. QUESTIONMARK IN SCHREIBER'S MIND IS LYBIAN REP WHOM HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT, SINCE HE HAS BEEN AT HIS AMBASSADORIAL POST IN PARIS. SCHREIBER REPORTED CONVERSATION WITH ALANA IN WHICH LATTER STATED THAT, IN RESPONSE TO SYRIAN REP'S QUERY ON ADVISABILITY OF INTRODUCING SUBJECT AT SESSION, HE HAD COUNSELED AGAINST, SAYING THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE IN BEST INTERESTS OF ARAB COUNTRIES. ALLANA THOUGHT SYRIANS HAD ACCEPTED HIS ADVICE. SCHREIBER SEMI-IMPLICITLY BUT CLEARLY MADE PITCH THAT US AND WEO'S AVOID INTRODUCING ANY TOPIC IN DEBATE WHICH MIGHT STIMULATE ARAB REACTION AND RESPONSE THAT COULD LEAD TO CONFRONTATION OVER ZIONISM ISSUE.

3. SHOULD ISSE BE RAISED DESPITE FOREGOING MEASURES, HOWEVER, SCHREIBER HOPES THAT IT WILL NOT RPT NOT BE CAST IN FORM OF RESOLUTION, BUT CONFINED TO SPEECHES IN GENERAL DEBATE. FAILING THIS, HE WOULD THEN PLAN TO HAVE ENTIRE SUBJECT AND/OR RESOLUTION REFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION I.E., BURIAL IN SUBCOMMITTEE IN ORDER NOT TO DISRUPT SESSION.

4. HRC CHAIRMANSHIP: SCHREIBER OFFERED HIS STRONG VIEW THAT CHAIRMAN TO SUCCEED ALLANA WOULD BE BENITES (ECUADOR). HE FELT THAT, ALTHOUGH HIGHLY QUALIFIED, GIAMBRUNO (URUGUAY) WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO COMMISSION BECAUSE OF HIS VIGOROUS (AND, HE SAID, ABLE) DEFENSE OF CHILE, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, IN LAST UNGA. HE SAID THAT SHOULD GIAMBRUNO CANDIDACY BE ADVANCED, IT VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT CUBA WOULD RAISE STRONG OBJECTION AND BEAT THE DRUMS FOR ITS OWN CANDIDACY. COMMENT: IT APPEARED CLEAR FROM SCHREIBER'S REMARKS THAT HE CONSIDERED BENITES MOST ACCEPTABLE HRC CHAIRMAN, WHICH MIGHT EXPLAIN CRYPTIC COMMENT REPORTED REF B THAT FAILED TO MENTION GIAMBRUNO AS CANDIDATE. SCHREIBER'S POSITION ALSO MESHEs WITHGOU'S RELUCTANCE ADVANCE GIAMBRUNO'S CANDIDACY AS REPORTED REF E. POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED THAT SCHREIBER DOING CONFIDENTIAL

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SELLING JOB IN ORDER PROMOTE NON-CONTROVERSIAL PARTY AND THEREBY AVOID STRIFE IN COMMISSION.

5. CHILEAN ISSUE: IN REFERENCE TO CHILE, SCHREIBER COMMENTED THAT MOVES BY CHILEAN JUNTA TO PERMIT SAFE-CONDUCT FOR ALLENDE AND OTHERS WHO SOUGHT REFUGE IN SCHREIBER STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN WORKING HARD TO SEEK AGREEMENT OF VARIOUS

EMBASSIES APPEARS TO BE EFFORT TO HEAD OFF OR AT LEAST SOFTEN ANY ATTACKS WHICH MIGHT BE MADE ON CHILE DURING HRC SESSION. HOWEVER, WHILE CHILEAN PERM REP HAS MET WITH CHAIRMAN OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP, SCHREIBER SAID NO CONCRETE CHANGES IN CHILEAN POSTURE HAVE BEEN OFFERED OR EFFECTED TO DATE. (CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE BEFORE REFS C AND D RECEIVED). AS EVIDENCE OF CHILEAN GAME-PLAYING HERE AT PRESENT STAGE, SCHREIBER CITED CHILEAN AMBASSADOR'S POKER-FACED QUERY TO HIM, "WHO IS ALLANA?", JUST AFTER LATTER HAD MET PRIVATELY WITH AMBASSADOR'S DEPUTY TWO DAYS PREVIOUSLY TO DISCUSS CHILEAN QUESTION. SCHREIBER CONTINUED TO VOICE STRONG HOPE THAT GOC WOULD PERMIT ENTRY OF HRC AD HOC WORKING GROUP, NOTING THAT COMPOSITION OF PRESENT BODY COULD NOT BE MORE FAVORABLE FROM CHILEAN VIEWPOINT;; AND THAT FURTHER DELAY WOULD ONLY PROVIDE MORE AMMUNITION FOR SOVIET AND OTHER ATTACKS. (REF C MAKES CLEAR THAT THIS IS OUT OF QUESTION).

6. SCHREIBER AGAIN EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MEET WITH GARMENT AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. DALE

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